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## Family Investment Administration **ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT  
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

**FROM: TRACEY C. PALIATH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**RE: MARYLAND SENIOR NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MSNAP)  
ALLOTMENT CHANGES**

**PROGRAM AFFECTED: FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS**

### **SUMMARY**

The Family Investment Administration (FIA) uses the Maryland Senior Nutrition Assistance Program (MSNAP) to simplify the application process once the Social Security Administration (SSA) approves elderly individuals for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. The federal Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) agency approved FIA to use this process as a way to improve the delivery of food assistance to qualified customers.

The current MSNAP benefit allocations as of October 1, 2015 are as follows:

1. Customers with shelter costs **at or above** \$506 will receive the higher allotment of **\$144**.
2. Customers with shelter costs **below** \$506 will receive the lower allotment amount of **\$60**.

This Action Transmittal (AT) replaces AT 15-02 and supersedes Section V of AT 10-36. The CARES instructions in AT 10-36 are still current and accurate.

### **INQUIRIES**

Please direct all MSNAP inquiries to Vera Lynch at 410-767-7953 or [vera.lynch@maryland.gov](mailto:vera.lynch@maryland.gov). Questions concerning CARES processing of the MSNAP process can be directed to Joyce Westbrook at 410-238-1299 or [joyce.westbrook@maryland.gov](mailto:joyce.westbrook@maryland.gov).

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